

News Release

Tropical Storm Advisory #10 Broward County Emergency Operations Center Updates

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Broward County is now under a Tornado Watch, Flood Watch and Tropical Storm Warning. Broward County Emergency Operations Center remains at a partial activation monitoring Tropical Storm Isaac. Residents are advised to stay indoors as much as possible today due to heavy rains and gusty winds.

In other updates:

Broward County Government

Broward County government agencies, including parks and libraries, will be open for normal business on Monday.

 Broward County Transit services and Paratransit services are suspended on Sunday, August 26, but normal services are scheduled to resume on Monday.

The following agencies are closed Monday, August 27:

- Broward County 17th Circuit Court
- Broward County Public Schools
- Clerk of the Court and Court Administrator's Office
- Broward County Property Appraiser's Office

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)

There have been 135 canceled flights in and out of the airport since Friday. Travelers are encouraged to check with their airline for latest updates. There is significant road construction near the airport; travelers should allow additional travel time.

Port Everglades

Port Everglades remains closed for both landside and waterside operations, except for limited produce and tank truck activity until the arrival of tropical storm force winds. Cruise passengers should call their cruise line for latest updates. The *Allure of the Seas* and a number of cargo and petroleum ships scheduled to arrive at the Port today will delay their arrival until after the storm passes.

Shelter Operations

Broward County has opened two special needs shelters and two general population shelters. As of 7 a.m. Sunday, there are five occupants in the general population shelters and 22 occupants in the special needs shelters.

The two general population shelters are: Rock Island Elementary, 1701 N.W. 23 Ave. in Fort Lauderdale and Millennium Middle School (a pet friendly shelter) at 5803 N.W. 94 Ave. in Tamarac.

Residents already registered for the special needs shelters are being contacted directly. Residents who have not preregistered but have a managed medical condition or disability who feel they need a level of care that may be compromised with power outages if they remain at home, should call the Broward County Emergency Hotline at 311 in Broward or 954-831-4000, for assistance.

Stay Informed

Residents and businesses are encouraged to monitor media for up-to-the minute information and public safety advisories. There are a number of ways to stay connected and receive important information from the Broward County Emergency Operations Center before, during and after an emergency event, including news about hurricane watches and warnings, evacuation orders, recommended protective actions and other related public safety Information.

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